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SUBJECT: FY-2005 IVP Nomination - Alternate candidate
Ms. Naglaa Abdel Rahman Elhajj

¶11. Post is pleased to nominate Ms. Naglaa Abdel Rahman Elhajj as an alternate candidate for an FY-2005 IVP grant, excluding international travel benefits. Ms. Elhajj is earmarked for the MRP "U.S. Foreign Policy and Human Rights Issues" which will be held from May 12 - June 2, 2005.

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PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

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SUBJ-DISC: Human & Civil Rights

START BIO:

PREFIX: Ms.

F-NAME: Naglaa

M-NAME: Abdel Rahman

L-NAME: Elhajj

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: No

M-ADDR1: IKV

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GENDER: F

DOB: 10/21/1969

MAR-STAT: S

BIRTH-CITY:

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sudan

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sudan

RES-CNTRY: Netherlands

START MEMO POSITION:

Project Manager for Iraq, Interchurch Peace Council

Netherlands (IKV)

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

May 2000 - present Associate PhD Researcher - African Studies Center, Leiden University (Part-Time)
Oct. 2000 - present Associated trainer, Local Capacity for Peace project, Horn of Africa under supervision of Collaborative for Development Action, Boston, USA

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

April - Nov.2000 Projects Advisor - Shell Royal Company, The Hague, The Netherlands
1997 - 1999 Projects Co-ordinator - Royal Netherlands Embassy, Sudan
1995 - 1997 Community Development Worker, German Development Services (DED), Sudan
1996 - 1997 Development Consultant - Italian Embassy, Sudan
May - Sept. 1995 Teaching Assistant - Ahfad University, Dept. of Rural Extension, Sudan
1992 - 1995 Co-ordinator - Babiker Badri Scientific Association - Ahfad University for Women, Sudan

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

Two weeks in 2002

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

Extensive travel in Africa, Middle East, Europe

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

- Master in Development Studies - Focus on Politics of Alternative Development Strategies - Institute of Social Studies, (ISS), Den Haag / The Netherlands (1999-2000)
- Conflict Resolution and Mediation Diploma- Leuven University, Leuven (August-September 2000)
- Cambridge Advanced Certificate, Cambridge University / British Council, Sudan (1997-1998)
- B.A. in Social Science / Psychology Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman / Sudan (1991-1995)
- Diploma in Philosophy - El Nieleen University, Sudan (1991-1994)

Researches Conducted

The Role of Sudanese Women Organizations in Peace Building
Conflict Resolution - the development Dimension
The Impacts of Environmental Degradation on Women Health
in Rufaa.

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Study on the impotence among married males and its
psychological effects on women

Study on human rights violations and religion in South
Sudan

Study on the Role of humanitarian assistance in
facilitating the peace process initiatives in Sudan
Facing Ethnic Conflicts - The Role of Local Capacities for
Peace in Preventing Ethnic Conflicts in Divided Societies/ A
Comparison of South Sudan and Western Kenya (PhD research
in progress)

END MEMO EDUCATION:

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Kami Witmer

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Ms. Elhajj is a well-educated, passionate individual with excellent expertise in international affairs and human rights. Her diverse background includes experience working in three geographic areas - Africa, Europe, and the Middle East.

Naglaa is currently working with local NGO IKV to establish and implement training on basic human rights in Iraq, as well as to set up networks among various existing and new human rights organizations there. The goal is to increase the awareness among Iraqis on the need for basic human rights for all peoples in order to foster a successful democratic state. She is active in meeting and training both women's and student groups, and also frequently meets with journalists. While IKV's previous work in the Middle East was centered in Northern Iraq, they have now expanded to other areas (including Baghdad) and are also working with some Iranian groups. IKV is one of the few Dutch NGOs that has programs on the ground in Iraq. Their support for the advancement of human rights both supports and complements U.S. goals in the region. Naglaa is at the center of these programs as the project manager for Iraq.

I am nominating Ms. Elhajj for an IV for several reasons. First, her unique capacity to increase appreciation and acceptance of U.S. policies and goals in the Middle East, especially among the general population, is of significant benefit to the U.S. and helps to fulfill post's MPP goal of regional stability. Secondly, her ability to reach across cultures and borders - as can be witnessed by her work to date - will benefit the U.S. government in the long run as she continues to be active in international human rights and development projects.

Finally, I am nominating Naglaa because her current understanding of U.S. policies comes primarily via media outlets and contacts with Embassy officials. She frequently defends U.S. actions, trying to aid both her local organization and individuals outside the Netherlands in understanding the importance of working towards a world comprised of democratic societies that respect human rights.

An IV program would significantly increase her own understanding of official U.S. policies while allowing her to gain a greater appreciation of USA in general. This is an understanding she is craving, and one that both she and I are confident will aid her in her work. It would also allow her the opportunity to meet with various NGOs who are active in pursuing U.S. goals in the international field, including those working in the Middle East.

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